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No. 3181


The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Colombia and has the honor to refer to the Air Transport Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Colombia of October 24, 1956 ("the 1956 Agreement") and to the understanding and amendments relating to the 1956 Agreement, effected by exchange of notes at Bogota on August 11, October 11, and November 22, 2000, as amended and extended ("the 2000 Agreement").

The Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, proposes that paragraphs 1 and 3 of the understanding and amendments effected by the 2000 Agreement, currently set to expire on December 31, 2005, continue to apply through March 31, 2006. The Embassy anticipates that the proposed extension will provide the two Governments more time to finalize proposals for amending the above agreements, which have been the subject of recent bilateral correspondence.

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Colombia, the Embassy further proposes that this note and the affirmative reply note from the Ministry shall constitute an agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Colombia that shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's affirmative note in reply, with effect from December 31, 2005.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Colombia the assurances of its highest consideration.



Embassy of the United States of America

Bogota D.C., December 23, 2005



Translation

**Republic of Colombia
Ministry of Foreign Relations**

OAJ.CAT. No. 72491

Bogotá, December 28, 2005

Mr. Ambassador:

I am pleased to refer to Embassy note No. 724933181 [sic] of December 23, 2005, which reads as follows:

[The Spanish translation of U.S. Embassy note No. 3181 of December 23, 2005, agrees with the original English text in all substantive respects.]

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Colombia concurs with the proposal set forth in the Note transcribed above; therefore, the Embassy's note and this note shall constitute an agreement between our two governments that shall enter into force on the date of this Note, with effect as of December 31, 2005.

[Complimentary close]

[Signature]

Alejandro Borda Rojas
Deputy Minister for Multilateral Affairs
Acting Minister of Foreign Relations

His Excellency
William Braucher Wood,
Ambassador of the United States of America,
Bogotá.